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The Honorable Elmer B. Staats
Comptroller General of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

I am familiar with the contents of the letter dated _____
_____ from the Director of Central Intelligence proposing for
your approval, under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 374 (1964), a
financial records retirement program.

I am also familiar with the fact that the General Accounting
Office no longer conducts an audit of the Central Intelligence Agency
but rather that Agency performs its own under procedures established
by the Director.

It is my understanding that the proposed program for the
systematic retirement of financial records will be administered
generally in accordance with the procedures applicable to Govern-
ment agencies, particularly as to identification of categories of
documents and the application thereto of appropriate records re-
tention periods. In the circumstances, I believe it appropriate for
you to exercise the authority conferred upon you by the above-
mentioned statute.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Senator Russell